



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, for 137 years The Grange has sought to advance the interests of farmers, rural Americans and our nations families through the simple, but powerful idea that "Knowledge is the Foundation of Happiness"; and

WHEREAS, voluntary association with the Grange not only provides the benefits of economic and political cooperation to its members, but it also elevates their character by providing social, moral, cultural and educational aspects of membership that address important individual needs for expression and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, the Grange increases the influence of each of its members by giving them the opportunity to serve their community through programs that make a difference in the lives of children, youth, and our neighbors in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Grange's vigorous grassroots advocacy of the mutual interests of its members is as strong as a band of iron whose application is, nonetheless, as gentle as a silken thread that binds a wreath of flowers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James E. Risch, Acting Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 2004, to be

GRANGE MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne", is written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE